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March 5, 2008

Mr. Chris Browder
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, California 94244-2460

Subject: Technical Assistance Requests for Timber Harvest Plans from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Dear Mr. Browder:

On February 1, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) officially initiated a restructured process of Timber Harvest Plan (THP) review for the potential incidental take of the federally listed northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) (NSO). The new process returns to CAL FIRE the responsibility for review of NSO information, and approval of protection measures submitted for NSOs in THPs.

Requests for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service technical assistance for THPs in interior northern California will be accepted via email, domestic post, or parcel post. All requests for technical assistance must contain the information outlined in "Information Needed for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Timber Harvest Plan – Northern Spotted Owl Technical Assistance Analysis" as provided to CAL FIRE on February 1, 2008. Questions regarding the documents provided to CAL FIRE on February 1, 2008, and February 27, 2008, will be accepted via email, domestic post, parcel post, or telephone. Please consolidate your questions to the maximum extent possible.

An email account has been created to accept technical assistance requests:

calfireta@fws.gov



Domestic and parcel posts should be addressed to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Attention: Elizabeth Willy, TA Request
1829 S. Oregon Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Telephone requests regarding documents provided to CAL FIRE should be directed to:

Elizabeth Willy
530-841-3102 (direct line)
530-842-5763 (front desk)

Please contact Elizabeth Willy of my staff at the number above if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Detrich', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Phil Detrich
Field Supervisor

cc: Vicki Campbell, California Nevada Regional Office, Sacramento, CA
Bill Schultz, CAL FIRE, Redding, CA
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